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SUBJ: PERON AGAIN ATTACKS LEFT, CALLS FOR CONSENSUS POLITICA

REF: BA 5597

1. SUMMARY: PERON'S SPEECH TO GOVERNORS CONFERENCE AUG 2 REPEATED AND ELABORATED THEMES OF PREVIOUS ADDRESS TO CGT (SEE BA 5597). HE STRESSED CONSENSUS THEM, BLASTED ULTRA-LEFT AND SAID GUERRILLAS WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. END SUMMARY.

2. PERON REFERRED TO MOVEMENT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE PERONISM. PERSONALIST MOVEMENT DIED WITH THOSE WHO HAD CREATED THEM, HE SAID, WHILE INSTITUTIONALIZED MOVEMENTS LIVED ONE. GIVEN HIS ADVANCED AGE AND APPRACHING END, HE HAD TO THINK OF NECESSARY STEPS TO INSURE THAT MOVEMENT WOULD CONTINUE AFTER HE WAS GONE.

3. HE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND CONSENSUS AND SAID HE WAS CALLING ON ALL POLITICAL SECTORS TO JOIN IN TASK OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION. HE REFERRED POSITIVELY TO THE HORA DEL PUEBLO AND TO UCR LEADER BALBIN. THIS WAS TIME FOR ALL SECTORS TO WRK TOGETHER FOR COMMON GOOD, HE SAID; THERE MIGHT BE
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DISAGREEMNTS BUT STERILE AND NEGATIVE OPPOSITION WAS OUT OF

PLACE. (IN SAME VEIN, PERON DAY BEFORE SUGGESTED TO MEETING OF FREJULI LEADERS THAT COUNCIL OF STATE BE FORMED COMPRISING LEADERS OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND SECTORS. COUNCIL WOULD HAVE ADVISORY ROLE VIS-A-VIS GOVERNMENT).

4. TURNING TO CURRENT SITUATION, PERON LASHED OUT AT ULTRA-LEFT, A TENDENCY HE SAID WHICH WAS NOT EVEN PERMITTED IN THE LEFTIST COUNTRIES BEHIND THE CURTAIN. I KNOW, HE DECLARED, I'VE BEEN THERE: "IT'S SOMETHING THEY EXPORT BUT DON'T IMPORT." HE REMARKED THAT PERONISM ITSELF WAS MOVEMENT OF THE LEFT BUT WAS JUSTICIALIST LEFT, NOT MARXIST OR ANARCHIC. LATTER TWO FORMS WERE UNACCEPTABLE.

5. HE GOT IN A NEW DIG AT YOUTH BY REFERRING TO PROBLEM OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, WHICH HE SAID WAS ONE MANIFESTATION OF THE NATIONAL CRISIS ARGENTINA IS NOW LIVING. "WE HAVE A WONDERFUL YOUTH," HE SAID, "BUT WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL THAT THEY DO NOT CHOOSE WRONG PATH." EVENTS AT EZEIZA ON JUNE20, HE POINTED OUT, OFFERED SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO QUESTION DIRECTION YOUTH TAKING.

6. GOVT WILL TOLERATE ALL TENDENCIES AND IDEOLOGIES, HE ASSERTED, SO LONG AS THEY REMAIN WITHIN LAW. IN INTERESTING REFERENCE TO COMMUNIST PARTY (PCA), PERON DECLARED THAT: "SO LONG AS IT OPERATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, WE WILL EVEN SHELTER AND DEFEND THE PCA--BUT THEY MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET OUT OF LINE BECAUSE THEN WE WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO GIVE IT TO THEM WITH BOTH BARRELS. AND WE AREN'T GOING TO TOLERATE ANY GUERRILLAS. IN OTHER COUNTRIES THE COMMUNIST PARTIES HAVE FOUND THAT TO OPERATE WITHING THE LAW LEADS TO THEIR DESTRUCTION: HENCE, THEYHAVE WANTED TO OPERATE OUTSIDE THE LAW IN ORDER TO BETTER DEFEND THIER POSITIONS. BUT THAT CAN'T WORK IN A COUNTRY WHERE THERE IS RULE OF LAW... AND THAT IS WHAT WE MUST IMPOSE." PERON THEN WARNED THAT ANYONE WHO VIOLATED THE LAW WILL HAVE TO FACE THE POLICE.

7 COMMENT: PERHAPS MOST INTERESTING PART OF SPEECH, APART FROM HIS CLEAREST DENUNCIATION TO DATE OF VIOLENCE AND GUERRILLAS, WAS REFERENCE TO NEED TO TAKE STEPS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE MOVEMENT SO THAT IT CAN SURVIVE HIS DEATH, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "APPROACHING." WHILE OBVIOUS ENOUGH POINT, HIS TREATMENT WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEEM TO LEND WEIGHT TO THEORY THAT IT WAS HIS HEALTH AND CONSEQUENT CONCERN OVER SUCCESSION PROBLEM WHICH PROMPTED PERON TO GET RID OF CAMPORA.
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